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FOR SWO OPERATION CENTER AND TARNOFF ONLY FROM DICK MOOSE

E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PGOV, US, SO

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

REF: STATE 74885

- 1. I HAVE REVIEWED STATE 74885 AND AM OF COURSE CONTINUING TO JIDDA. I REITERATE MY STRONG FEELING THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ARRANGE A HIGH LEVEL APPOINTMENT. FOR DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT THIS PARAGRAPH TO JIDDA.
- 2. PLEASE INFORM ME OF DATE OF PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FROM RIO FOR LAGOS VISIT. I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO RIO THE DAY BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM THERE IN ORDER TO BACK HIM. I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, IF I MUST GO ON TO JIDDA, IF I WILL HAVE TIME TO GET BACK TO THE U.S. BEFORE LEAVING FOR RIO AND LAGOS. I SUPPOSE MY LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR GOING TO JIDDA IS APPARENT BUT, IN PART THIS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MY FEELING THAT I NEED TO REPORT MOGADISCIO DEVELOPMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I AM SOMEWHAT LACKING IN FEEDBACK AS TO WASHINGTON REACTION.

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3. FOR SWO: AT SOME DECENT HOUR OF THE MORNING PLEASE CALL MAGGIE MOOSE AND TELL HER THAT I AM THINKING ABOUT HER AND HOPE BEFORE LONG TO GET SOME PLACE WHERE THERE IS A TELEPHONE. TELL HER ALSO MY ONWARD ITINERARY IS SOMEWHAT VAGUE AND THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO HOPE FOR A RETURN TO THE U.S. SOMEDAY. PLEASE DON'T RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT I MAY NOT GET BACK BEFORE LAGOS TRIP.

PLEASE ALSO INFORM WIVES OF MESSRS. HENZE, SPIGEL, AND SCOTT OUR ITINERARY AND WILL PROBABLY NOT BE HOME BEFORE SATURDAY P.A. LOVE FROM ALL.

4. TRY TO GET ME SOME SORT OF ANSWER IN KHARTOUM IF YOU CAN.

5. FOR MOGADISCIO: I SUGGEST YOU LET SOMALIS KNOW INFORMALLY THAT WE ARE GOING ON TO JIDDA AND, IF YOU THINK ADVISABLE, YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT WE WILL OF COURSE BE REVIEWING OUR MOGADISCIO CONVERSATIONS WITH HIGHEST LEVELS OF SAUDI GOVERNMENT.
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